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and presumed [redacted] it had been placed there during the revolution.

Bobby Lehman called me this afternoon. He is just leaving Paris to go home. He wanted me to try to help in a passport case affecting Mr. Bensimon, a naturalized American citizen who has sold Bobby a lot of pictures and furniture. I saw Bensimon later in the day. He was [redacted] interesting on the subject of collecting. Most of his business seems to be with museums, since he says there are [redacted] few private collectors left in the United States. Bobby inherited most of his things from his father but has been steadily adding to them and must, with his sister, now have one of the best aggregations of fine paintings in private hands in the United States.

Bill Stoneman of the Chicago Daily News came to see me and we had a long talk which included, as is always the case nowadays, the unattractive topic of Senator McCarthy.

John Perry called on me. He has been offered an MSA job in Saigon as well as employment in French private industry. Since he has a French wife and five children, I advised him, if he could make satisfactory arrangements, to go with the French firm.

Tonight Nancy Lancaster arrived to stay a few days with us and we had a hilarious dinner with her.

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